

## PROGRAM GOALS:

- ♦ Reduce Juvenile recidivism with effective programs
- ♦ Provide Judges, Commissioners and Probation Officers with professional programs and services
- ♦ Better serve juveniles with substance abuse problems
- ♦ Increase parent involvement with community transition programs
- ♦ Staff programs with professionals that care



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## HIGH IMPACT PROGRAMS

Maricopa County  
Juvenile Probation  
Detention Division



**P**roviding the helping  
hands that kids need for  
building brighter futures  
through accountability,  
education, and service...

## The High Impact Programs

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The HIP and Substance Abuse Programs are designed as short-term detention programs that intervene and prevent juvenile recidivism. The programs feature

- **Accountability**
- **Education**
- **Community Service**
- **Personal Growth**

### First Offender Program

The First Offender Program is a court ordered 72 hour detention experience that focuses on accountability, community service, and violence prevention.

The weekend begins early Friday evening and lasts through Monday afternoon so that little, if any school is missed. A typical day begins at 7:30 a.m. with room inspection and exercise followed by community service.

Participants observe conditions at the nearby Tent City and learn about the community's response to **"getting tough" on juvenile crime**. HIP staff lead other activities throughout the day that promote goal setting, positive relationships, and healthy lifestyles. Each evening ends with a one on one discussion and evaluation before bedtime at 10 p.m.

In this program, participants gain both an understanding of how their choices lead to certain consequences and the desire to never return to Detention.



### Substance Abuse Program

This intensive five-day program is designed to help participants learn to identify and address the issues that result in drug use. Successful graduates gain understanding of themselves and the effects that surround making poor choices.

Although community service is integral to the SAP program, **"Life Sentences"** is a special example of how members of the community provide services to kids in detention. Through this non-profit organization, two mothers visit the HIP unit weekly to share their stories of losing family members to violent crimes and drug abuse. Their presentation features how choices affect others, how drugs lead to bad choices, and how to get help outside of detention.

Field trips to the **Phoenix Library** and **Maricopa County Skills Center** also help these young offenders to identify and develop life skills. Career planning and goal setting heightens individual esteem and nurtures the desire to become successful, contributing citizens.



### DUI Program

One Saturday a month, the HIP unit facilitates a 24-hour DUI program. This experience not only gauges juveniles' attitudes towards alcohol but also illustrates how alcohol related offenses impact the community.

Speaker panels from both **Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)** and **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)** visit Detention to discuss responsibilities as young drivers and the insurmountable costs to the victims of drunk drivers.



### Repeat Offender Program

Another weekend program is specialized for repeat offenders who have a prior detention history. Programming ranges from **jail discussions** and **victim awareness** to **drug abuse** and **peer pressure**.

Participants outline goals and write out specific steps toward achievement. They identify that substance abuse, negative peers, or a lack of education are obstacles which hinder success; however, as adolescents, they have difficulty envisioning a future beyond next year, next month, or even next week. Staff provide resources that will help them successfully complete probation and begin anew.

### Transition Program

Graduates of the HIP program and their families may also be required to participate in support services upon the youth's release from Detention. Such services include **educating parents** on substance abuse issues and their child's **individual needs**.

If you are interested in learning more about the HIP program and staff, please call 602-506-0392 or visit our website at [www.maricopa.gov/juvenile](http://www.maricopa.gov/juvenile).

